

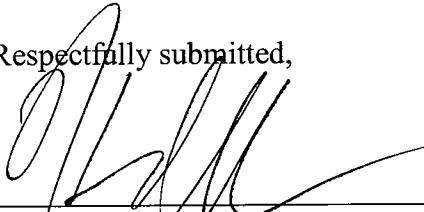
REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action dated November 27, 2006 within the shortened two month statutory period for reply. Claims 52-98 were pending in the application and the Examiner objects to claims 52-98. Support for the amendments may be found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of claims 52-98. Applicants have entered all the amendments suggested by the Examiner. As such, Applicants assert that the application is in condition for allowance and reconsideration of the pending claims is requested.

In view of the above amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims properly set forth that which Applicants regard as their invention and are allowable over the cited references. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request allowance of the pending claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the Examiner's convenience, if that would help further prosecution of the subject application. Applicants authorize and respectfully request that any fees due be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-2814, including any required extension fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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